

Amendments to the Claims

This listing of claims will replace all prior versions and listings of claims in the application:

Listing of Claims:

Claims 1 – 12 (cancelled)

Claim 13 (previously presented): A cryogenic fluid tank comprising an inner casing arranged in an outer casing with a vacuum insulation space in between, the casings having a flattened general configuration, wherein it comprises at least one tubular structure which connects two main faces of the inner casing and in which there extends at least one rigid linking element connecting the two main faces of the outer casing, and at least two flexible linking elements respectively connecting a main face of the outer casing and a main face of the inner casing, wherein the flexible linking elements are mounted in tension between end swivel fittings.

Claim 14 (currently amended): The tank of claim [[11]] 13, wherein the tubular structure is integral with two end rings fastened to the main faces of the inner casing.

Claim 15 (previously presented): A cryogenic fluid tank comprising an inner casing arranged in an outer casing with a vacuum insulation space in between, the casings having a flattened general configuration, wherein it comprises at least one tubular structure which connects two main faces of the inner casing and in which there extends at least one rigid linking element connecting the two main faces of the outer casing, and at least two flexible linking elements respectively connecting a main face of the outer casing and a main face of the inner casing, wherein the rigid linking element is mounted between two cylindrical cups fastened to the main faces of the outer casing.

Claim 16 (currently amended): The tank of claim [[12]] 13, wherein it has a plurality of flexible linking elements angularly distributed around the rigid linking element.

Claim 17 (currently amended): The tank of claim [[11]] 13, wherein the flexible linking elements consist of strands of nonmetallic fibers.

Claim 18 (currently amended): The tank of claim [[11]] 13, wherein the casings are metallic.

Claim 19 (canceled)

Claim 20 (currently amended): The use of the tank of claim [[11]] 13 for the storage of cryogenic fluid in a motor vehicle.

Claim 21 (canceled)